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NEAR EAST AGAIN.
LAUSANNE CONFERENCE RESUMES.
DIVISION OF LABOUR.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LAUSANNE, April 23.
The first meeting of the resumed peace conference was held this afternoon. Sir Horace Rumbold, presiding, explained that the work remaining to be done would be divided between three committees. The first would deal with the political and judicial parts of the treaty; the second with the financial; and the third with the economic. A special committee would deal with the commercial and fiscal regimes.

[The Feast of Bairam is a great festival of Mohammedan countries in a sense analogous to the Christian Easter and following upon the four weeks fast of the Ramadan.]

He hoped the Turkish delegation would be back in Turkey by the Feast of Bairam.
Ismet Pasha declared that Turkey had always shown a firm will to serve the peace of the world. The labours of the conference should be promptly concluded if goodwill were shown.

TROUBLE BREWING?
PARIS, April 23.
[The Temps confirms the report that the Turks have massed on the French frontier of East Cilicia several infantry battalions and artillery. The paper says that if the French flag is attacked or threatened, French conciliatoriness will change into something very different.]
[Cilicia is an ancient province of South East Asia Minor. Its capital is Tarsus.]

HOME TEA; DUTY
COMMONS MOTION DEFEATED.
IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

LONDON, April 23.
In the House of Commons a motion for the reduction of the tea duty from 8d. to the pre-war level of 5d, which was supported by all the opposition groups, was defeated by 257 votes to 179.

The supporters of the motion contended that as beer was not a necessary to the same extent as tea and was not an article of such general consumption, the reduction of the beer duty was not sufficient relief for the indirect taxpayer.

The Labour members generally favoured the complete abolition of the tea duty.
Major A. Boyd Carpenter, Minister of Labour, on behalf of the Government, contended that tea was the least onerous of all duties. He pointed out that with imperial preference the duty was actually little higher than the pre-war level. The Government could not afford to lose the £3,900,000 involved.

The duty was finally confirmed by 260 votes to 182.
[During the Budget debate, the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) stated that in view of the reduction last year there would be no further relief in respect of tea and there would be no change in sugar (Labour protests) as owing to special circumstances the consumer would not benefit from a reduction in the duty. He hoped, however, that a reduction would be possible at an early date. The beer duty would be reduced a penny a pint and part of the reduction would be borne by the brewers. The cost of the reduction was estimated at thirteen millions.]

LOCK OUT THREAT.
SHIPBUILDING EMPLOYERS' ULTIMATUM.
THIRTY THOUSAND AFFECTED.

LONDON, April 23.
The Shipbuilding Employers' Federation has notified a lockout for April 30 against members of the boiler makers, iron, steel, shipbuilders, woodworkers' and plumbers' unions unless the unions previously intimate that they are prepared to accept the national overtime and night shift agreement concluded on March 22 between the Employers' Federation and the Federation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades.

The latter Federation has called a special meeting in London to-morrow to consider the position. About 30,000 men are directly affected.

ILLEGAL CHINESE ACTION.
STRONG BRITISH PROTEST.

LONDON, April 23.
In the House of Commons, replying to Sir J. Hood (Conservative), Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Minister had strongly protested to the Chinese Government against the illegal action of the provincial authorities in Chekiang and Fukien in imposing an *ad valorem* tax of 20 per cent. on imported cigarettes in contravention of the treaties. The reply had not yet been received.

LIMITING ARMAMENTS
SOUTH AMERICAN PLANS.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, April 23.
The President of Chile has invited the Presidents of the Argentine, Brazil and Uruguay to confer at Montevideo in September with a view to settling differences which have arisen over the armament question and which there is a prospect will not be solved by the pan-American Conference.

The Presidents of Brazil and Uruguay are reported to have accepted. The President of the Argentine has accepted in principle.
[Montevideo is the Capital of Uruguay. Situated on the Plata estuary it has a population of 270,000.]

TWITTED INTO MURDER.
PATHAN LEADER'S TERRIBLE CRIME.
TAUNTING WOMENFOLK.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PESHAWAR, April 23.
A remarkable story regarding the predominant motive of the Ellis outrage has filtered through.

It is stated that the crime was committed as a result of a vow taken by the ring-leader of a gang wishing to avenge the humiliation inflicted on him when some police rifles were recovered from the Bostikhel tribe. It appears that the women, so taunted him as to make his life unendurable. Therefore in conformity with Pathan custom he swore on the Koran before his mother, who had been prominent in reviling him, that he would perform such deed as had never been heard of before.

[Miss Ellis, 15 years old, was kidnapped eleven days ago by Afridi raiders who murdered her mother, wife of the district staff officer.]

OMINOUS REMARKS.
BALANCE OF POWER IN EAST ASIA.
DUTCH NAVAL ANXIETY.

THE HAGUE, April 23.
The royal commission considering the bill providing for the construction of a fleet to guarantee the neutrality of the Dutch East Indies rejects the suggestion that the legislature should suspend passing the bill pending the re-establishment of financial equilibrium in the Indies.

The commission says Holland cannot contemplate leaving this extensive archipelago undefended navally without abdicating from her position as a colonial power. She cannot close her eyes to the radical change in the balance of power going on in East Asia or to the problems of which peaceful solution cannot be assured for years.

The duty of providing a fleet cannot be delayed and the Government should do its utmost to assure the immediate passage of the bill.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.
The Commission adds that the Government, before the Second Chamber discusses the bill, should submit to the States General specific proposals outlining the measures it considers indispensable for framing the country's budgets on a sound basis and make clear that the fate of the Cabinet depends on the adoption or rejection of its proposals.

Myr. Patyn, a member of the commission, while agreeing with the conclusions, considers that on the score of economy the bill, after it has been passed, should not take effect before January 1, 1926, in order to permit the establishment of budgetary equilibrium.

Myr. Trip, another member of the commission, dissents from the conclusions and urges that the adoption of the Bill by the States General should be postponed until the financial situation has been restored.

CONSCRIPTING BRITISH SUBJECTS.
ANGLO-FRENCH DISPUTE OVER.

LONDON, April 23.
In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Mr. Ronald McNeill, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that Anglo-French agreement had been reached with regard to the question of France's right to conscript British subjects resident in Tunis, rendering it unnecessary to refer the case to the permanent court of arbitration at the Hague.

[A cable message from the Hague dated February 7 stated: The Court of International Justice has delivered judgment in the dispute between the British and French Governments regarding the French nationality decrees in Tunis and Morocco which the Council of the League of Nations referred to it. The Court has decided against the French contention that the decrees are matters of purely domestic concern.]

[One of the Barbary States in North Africa, Tunis is now a French regency. It has an area of 45,000 sq. miles and a population of 2,000,000.]

CHINA'S CUSTOMS SURPLUS.
QUESTION IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, April 23.
In the House of Commons, Dr. W. A. Chapple (Liberal) asked whether the Government had received a request by Dr. Wellington Koo, China's Foreign Minister, to the diplomatic body to release about £320,000 customs surplus for the purpose of covering arrears in pay and expenses of Chinese diplomatic missions abroad.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that he had received no information with regard to this report except what had appeared in the press.

AUSTRALIA'S SPORTING PUBLIC.
DAVIS CUP TENNIS INTEREST.

SYDNEY, April 23.
A public subscription has been opened to provide a business substitute for Anderson and thus enable him to play in the Davis Cup matches.

Meanwhile the Association is withholding the cable announcing Australia's withdrawal.

SYDNEY, April 24.
The tennis player Anderson has decided not to accept the subscriptions on the ground that the question of expense is a matter for the Lawn Tennis Association to deal with.

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ments, water colour, pictures, engrav-
ings, marble clock, etc., etc.

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glass doors, dressing table, wash stand
with marble top, chest of drawers, glass
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One piano by F. Dörner & Son
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Several enamel baths and porcelain
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A quantity of Plants and ferns in
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**LAMBERT BROS.,
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The sale of Mint Machinery
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SWIFT. 1730.

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road. The story goes that the Dean
was accustomed to stop at the inn,
then called the Three Crosses, on
his way to and from his denary in
Ireland. On one occasion it hap-
pened that the innkeeper's wife
was too occupied to pay the atten-
tion she was wont to his commands,
and to mark his displeasure at some-
body's observation of her, he wrote
the couplet in the casement window
with his diamond ring. The name
of the inn was afterwards changed
to the Four Crosses, by which it is
now known.

Mr. Lloyd-George And The War.

Mr. Lloyd George's speech at
Edinburgh, crediting Sir Alfred
Ewing with work yielding infor-
mation which ultimately "brought
America in the war," and indicat-
ing that the "story will one day
be told," refers presumably to
German plots, such as the Zimmer-
mann note to Mexico and the
famous "spurious versenk" (sink
without a trace) note sent to
Argentina. It is commented in the
United States, however, that many
other important influences brought
about the climax from the American
standpoint, including the sinking
of the "Lusitania," German plots
and outrages in American cities,
and not the least important the
submarine activities off the
American coasts. No single event
brought the country into the war,
but a long series gradually con-
vincing Americans that German
militarism was a world menace,
and that for the safety of the world,
including the United States, it
must be destroyed.

Dante and Mystical Numbers.

A correspondent to Light raises
the question of Dante's belief in
the mystic significance of numbers,
and we see, by reference to Long-
fellow's notes on Dante's "Inferno"
in his translation of the Italian
poet's work, that he alludes to
"the stress which Dante lays on the
mystic numbers Nine and Three."
It seems that Dante met with
Beatrice "at the beginning of her
ninth year and the end of his."
The number is also connected
with Dante's nine days' illness,
and the thought of her death which
came to him on the ninth day. She
died on the ninth day of the ninth
month "computed by the Syrian
method," but in the year "when
the perfect number ten was nine
times completed in that century."
These coincidences are certainly
striking, however on the signifi-
cance of numbers in general we
are in no way qualified to pro-
nounce. We can only say that
numerology is a study that calls
for close attention and critical
judgment, otherwise the "results
may be very untrustworthy. One
has to be careful of unconscious
selection of instances that appear
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Steak Ribs, — Ngau Lau ... 34 30 35

Sausages, — Ngau Cheung ... 20 26 20

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Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kiu, lb. 24 20 18

Feet, — Ngau Kiu, each 16 10 12

Kidney, — Ngau Yiu, lb. 16 10 12

Liver, — Ngau Mei, lb. 24 20 22

Liver, — Ngau Kon, lb. 16 13 14

Tripe (unwashed), Ngau To lb. 8 7 7

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Leg, — Young Fat ... 38 26 25

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Brains, — Chu No per set 3 22 12

Feet, — Chu Kiu, lb. 15 15 —

Pig, — Chu Chap ... 40 15 16

Head, — Chu Tau ... 18 20 10

Heart, — Chu Sam ... 10 10 10

Kidney, — Chu Yiu ... 10 10 8

Liver, — Chu Kon ... 16 40 30

Pork Chop, — Chu Fat Kwat ... 30 25 23

Leg, — Chu Fat ... 30 25 27

Loin, — Chu Hui Tau ... 18 23 —

Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau ... 12 21 —

Sheep's Head and Feet, — Young Fat-kau ... set 70 69 70

Heart, — Young Fat ... 10 8 7

Kidney, — Young Yiu ... 15 12 10

Liver, — Young Kon ... 16 28 25

Sucking Pig, to order, — Chu Tai ... 25 25 22

Suck, Beef, — Shang Ngau Yau ... 28 20 18

Mutton, — Shang Young Yau ... 28 26 24

Veal, — Ngau Tai Yuk ... 24 20 19

Sausages, — Ngau Tai Chong ... 50 20 20

No. 1 ... lb. 26 — —

Fish.

Barbel, — Ka Yu ... lb. 24 19 24

Seam, — Fia Yu ... 20 20 18

Canton Fresh Water Fish.

Carp, — Li Yu ... 24 18 16

Catfish, — Chik Yu ... 30 12 9

Codfish, — Man Yu ... 30 20 25

Cray, — Hal ... 42 28 28

Cuttle Fish, — Mak Yu ... 24 16 2

Dab, — Sha Mang Yu ... 22 23 15

Dace, — Wong Mei Lap ... 16 10 9

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Stephen's Building, 67 and 69, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th day of APRIL, 1923, at 12.15 p.m., when the subjoined resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions, namely:—

- A.—That 51,656 of the unissued shares of \$10 be divided into 129,140 shares of \$4 each.
- B.—That the capital of the Company be divided into two classes of shares namely 48,344 ordinary "A" shares of \$10 each, and 129,140 ordinary "B" shares of \$4 each and that the provisions following in regard thereto have effect, that is to say:—

- (1) The ordinary "A" shares aforesaid shall be those shares which are numbered 1 to 48,343 inclusive and one additional \$10 share which if and when issued shall be numbered 48,344.
- (2) The ordinary "B" shares aforesaid shall be those unissued shares of \$4 each which will, when issued be numbered 49,345 to 177,485 inclusive.
- (3) The said ordinary "B" shares shall as from the date of issue be fully paid rank equally with the said ordinary "A" shares as regards dividend transmissibility conference of rights to vote and distribution of assets in the event of winding up.
- (4) If the Company shall be wound up the surplus assets shall be distributed as nearly as may be among the members in proportion to the number of shares held by them at the commencement of the winding up. But this clause is to be without prejudice to the rights of the holders of shares issued upon special terms and conditions.

C.—That the Articles of Association be amended by the deletion of clauses 107 and 126 thereof.

Should the Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation at a second Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board,
E. PEPPERELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 21, 1923.

HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the Debenture Holders of the above named Company constituted by Trust Deed dated the 30th day of May 1914 and registered in the Land Office by Memorial No. 53558 and made between the said Company of the one part and The Honourable Mr. David Landale and Newton John Stabb (now Sir Newton John Stabb Kt.) as Trustees of the other part supplemented by an Indenture of Assignment made between the same parties and dated the 1st day of November 1916 and registered in the Land Office by Memorial No. 61189 (both of which are heretofore included in the expression "the said Debenture Trust Deed") will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on WEDNESDAY the 2nd day of May 1923 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing an Extraordinary Resolution or Extraordinary Resolutions assenting to certain proposed modifications of the rights of the Debenture Holders against the Company and authorising the Trustees to execute or concur in the execution of all such Agreements, Assignments, Deeds or other documents as they may deem or be advised to be expedient for carrying out such proposed modifications and for sale guarding the interests of the Debenture Holders.

This Notice is issued pursuant to the provisions contained in the Third Schedule to the Debenture Trust Deed. Dated this 20th day of April 1923.

By Order of the Board,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary to the General Managers.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

ISLAND.	Feet
Signal Station	1774
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Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1836
Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	993
MAINLAND.	
Taimooshan	5124
Kowloon Peak	1921
Lau Shui	1645
Shatin Pass	1000
Customs Pass	730
Devil's Peak	724

INTIMATIONS.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, 5th May, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 25th April, 1923 to 5th May 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
S. J. JORDAIN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, April 23, 1923.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 10th May, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1922.

The SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 26th instant to the 10th May, 1923, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, May 19, 1923.

MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS WANTED.

MESSRS. DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON of No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Solicitors, have for investment the sum of \$300,000, and are prepared to consider applications for the advancement of the same on first class Mortgages of house property.

Hongkong, April 19, 1923.

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TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS.	
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EXAMINATION FARE.

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Funny stories are told of the first year examinations for the Moscow University. A number of questions are asked each candidate, but as answers to these questions are to be found in a little guide published for the use of students, few students get "plucked." I have heard, however, of two who did get plucked. The first three questions are:

1. Do you believe in God?
2. Who is Lenin's wife?
3. What is your opinion of the Social Revolutionary trial? (The famous Moscow trial at which M. Vandervelde and other prominent Socialists assisted.)

Young man No. 1 got a black mark for saying he did believe in God, another black mark for saying he really didn't know who Lenin's wife was, and when he confessed that he had no views at all on the subject of the trial he was expelled in disgrace from the examination hall.

Young man No. 2, a peasant barely able to read, was to be seen in the anteroom with his little guide book, perspiring with the effort of committing the answers to memory and frequently crossing himself as peasants do when they wish to bring down a blessing on their work. Ushered at length into the presence of the examiners and asked the first question, he repeated correctly the reply given in his little book: "No. There is no such being as God. God exists only in the imagination."

Unfortunately, while rattling this off from memory, he started crossing himself as he had been accustomed to do, with the result that, without any further questioning, he was driven from the university and told never to show his face there again.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Blackpool made a profit of nearly £75,000 on its municipal enterprises last year, or £35,000, equal to a rate of 1s. 8d. in the £, more than was expected.

Mrs. Bailey created surprise at the Darwen, Lancashire, Council, of which she is the solitary woman member, by taking her seat nursing a month-old girl.

In support of an appeal for the permanent endowment of the four women's colleges at Oxford, a meeting was held at the Mansion House. The sum required is £188,000.

Satisfaction is expressed in Australia at Mr. Bonar Law's announcement of Government policy in regard to Empire wireless as tending to relieve uncertainty and avoid further delay.

At the inquest on the Rev. William Wilks, for many years Vicar of Shirley and a well-known horticulturalist, who produced the Shirley poppy, a verdict of death from natural causes was recorded.

The Egyptian Government are offering a reward of £10,000 for the apprehension of the authors of the recent bomb outrages, and £1,000 to anyone capturing the criminal in any future outrages.

Although Major Doyle won the National Hunt Steeplechase at Cheltenham on Duke's Walk, he was disqualified for crossing, and the race was awarded to Templecombe, ridden by Mr. H. A. Brown.

When the new rigid helium-filled airships now under construction for the United States Government are completed and tested, it is hoped to make journeys to the North and South Pole and later on, round the world.

According to a message from Calcutta, 18,000 German bayonets, attached by means of screws to iron scabbards, have been sold as "splinters" in India. The possession of these weapons has been declared illegal. The police have so far recovered 8,500.

Speaking in the Budget debate in the Indian Legislative Assembly, Lord Rawlinson announced that the Imperial Government had accepted the Incheape reductions for the infantry, but the proposals with regard to cavalry and artillery were still under discussion.

In the House of Commons, the Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore, replying to Sir John Norton-Griffiths, said that he understood that the Empire Press Union contemplated holding the next Imperial Press Conference in Australia in 1925 if the necessary arrangements could be made.

Grave charges are made against the Standard Oil Trust by a Special Committee of the United States Senate, which recommends drastic legislative regulation of the industry, compulsory monthly reports to the Government, and finally the imposition of sentences of imprisonment upon all who have violated the Anti-Trust Law.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressing the Eastern Area Women's Parliamentary Committee of the National Unionist Association, declared that "all the omens combine to show that if we can, only secure, and maintain peace we may hope to see the figures of our export trade gradually but surely approximating to the pre-war figures."

A number of Italian workmen and a priest, accompanying them having been attacked and brutally treated while passing through Upper Bavaria to Belgium, Signor Mussolini has sent a strong protest to Berlin. He demands the punishment of the criminals and warns the German Government that the new Italy will protect its citizens, no matter what the consequences may be.

Nelson's Column in Trafalgar-square had its first bath for more than two years. From a fire hose a stream of water was directed towards the base and foot of the column. The lions at the base were washed with dozens of buckets of soap solution, but to clean the figure of Nelson's steedjack has to be employed, and it is nearly 10 years since it has had a bath.

In the House of Lords, Lord Southborough called attention to the report of the Royal Commission on Honours, and was informed by the Minister of the Interior that the Government proposed to introduce legislation to carry out the recommendations of the Commission. The Commission which had already been appointed would have full and general powers of inquiry.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT.

April 24.—Coronet Theatre: Douglas Fairbanks in "The Nutcracker." 24.—World Theatre: Eugene O'Brien in "A Fool and His Money."

April 24.—Star Theatre; at 5.30 p.m. "The Heart of Maryland" at 9.15 p.m. "Intolerance."

May 7.—Concert at Government House in aid of welfare work 9.15 p.m.

SPORTING EVENTS.

April 24.—H.K.C.C. T. T. Mixed Doubles, semi-final.
April 25.—H.K.C.C. T. T. Challenge round of open Championship doubles.
April 25.—Inter-School sports at Happy Valley.
April 26.—H.K.C.C. T. T. Handicap Doubles, final.
April 27.—H.K.C.C. T. T. Mixed Doubles, final.
April 28.—H.K.C.C. T. T. Challenge Round Open Championship Doubles.
May 5.—Second Gymkhana at Happy Valley.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

April 27.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, a valuable collection of postage stamps, at 5.15 p.m.
April 30.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, the wreck of the s.s. "Nishiren Maru," at noon.

April 30.—Lammert Bros., at No. 20, Chamberlain Road, Peak, valuable household furniture belonging to Mr. E. Howard, at 2.45 p.m.
May 3.—Lammert Bros., valuable household property known as 13, Macdonell Road at Auctioneers Office, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

April 28.—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., at the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, at 11.30 a.m., and the twenty-eighth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Shanghai Hotel Ltd., at same place, at noon.

April 30.—First general meeting of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd. at 67-69, Des Voeux Road, Central, at 12.15 p.m.

May 2.—General meeting of debenture holders in the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.'s offices, at 11.30 a.m.

May 3.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Central Estate Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, at noon.

May 3.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, at 11.30 a.m.

May 5.—First annual ordinary general meeting of Lane, Crawford, Ltd. at the Hongkong Hotel at noon.

May 10.—Forty-second ordinary general meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., at noon.

DANCING "GHOST."

RADIANT VILLAGE SPECTRE

Two South Warrickshire villages, Penny Compton and Northend, have acquired a ghost. Just which village it belongs to does not seem to have been decided, nor is there any evidence of burning desire on the part of either village to lay claim to sole possession. Several people in each village would, as a matter of fact, be quite pleased to give it to the other.

The first person to see the vision was a shepherd. He declared that he had seen a figure of spectral light wandering down the valley. Various unkind remarks were made, and he was given to understand that, at all events in this respect, the truth was not in him.

He had his revenge a few nights later. A number of men were put on the hills together, and the apparition manifested itself—once more, as a light that swayed and hovered round them. The shepherd received apologies.

The ghost appears to be very indelicate in shape, but all reports agree that it is clothed in light—a dull, bluish flame trailing off into the air, by one account. It is an active sort of spook, often appearing in a dozen different places in the same evening. It seems to delight in scaring women, for it is said to go and dance round any woman who is so rash as to walk across a meadow alone after dark.

There are, of course, the sceptics who declare that it is not a ghost at all, that it is nothing but marsh gas, that faintly luminous exhalation of carbonated hydrogen which sometimes rises from damp places, and gave rise to all the legends of the will of the wisp.

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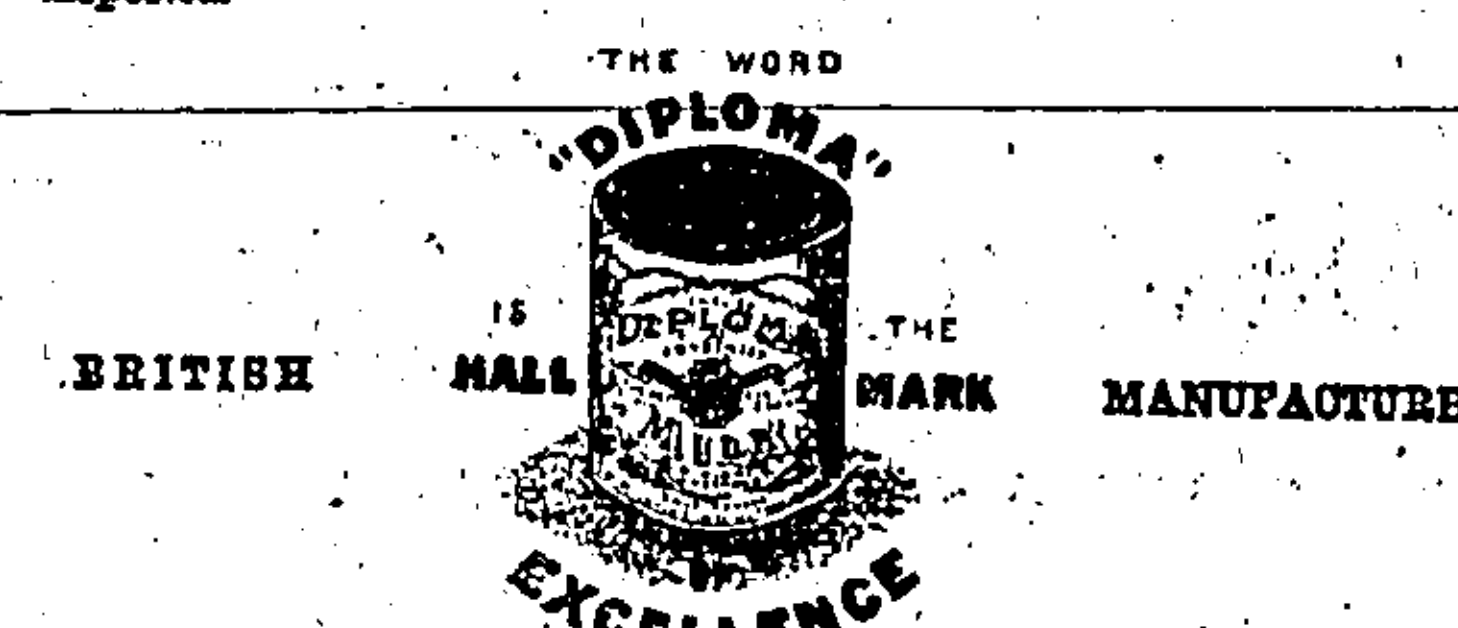
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GORDON—March 11, at Karachi, wife of George Gordon, Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MELHUISE-BINER—March 14, at St. Mary Abbotts, Kensington, John Chandler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Melhuish, formerly of Kobe and Yokohama, to Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Biner, Thorpe Bay, Essex.

CLIFTON-KENDALL—On April 18, 1923, at Shanghai, Frederick William Clifton, M.C., to Amy L. Kendall.

DEATH.

FERGUSON—March 15, at Eastbourne, suddenly, Rev. Duncan Ferguson, M.A., of English Presbyterian Mission, Tainan, Formosa, aged 62.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1923.

CANTON'S NEXT LITTLE TUSSELE.

Sun Yat-sen has won. His Kwangsi enemies are everywhere taking flight. Shun Hung-ying, fearing for his life, Wu Pei-fu's attempted coup has utterly failed. Very soon now Sun Yat-sen will regain complete control of Canton. And then—peace or strife? Last week when the struggle for Canton was still undecided we predicted that whichever side won more trouble was inevitable. Had Shun Hung-ying carried the day, we pointed out, Kwangsi would have been held simply for what it was worth to the alien victor, a standing invitation for Cantonese revolt. For it was scarcely probable that the Kwangsi leader, already

find his already acute financial straits critical indeed. Moreover, he will speedily antagonise the populace who have little cause to love these expensive military regimes. Thus it is only too plain Canton, that much tried city, will remain South China's storm centre—who shall say how long?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese named Lau Tze of 110, Praya East was knocked down by a motor-car in Wuchu Street and was sent to hospital.

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club are reminded of the annual general meeting at 5.45 p.m. to-morrow night—Advt.

The China Navigation steamer "Kaiyung" which was stranded on Wyoming Bank in Swatow harbour, was brought into Hongkong yesterday by the Taihook tug and is now in Taihook Dock.

The Penang will case, is to come up for hearing before the Full Court next month. Cuan Thye-gan, against whom the decision went, has applied for permission to appeal and to sue in forma pauperis. His solicitors are Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton and Co. and the respondents, Lim Ah-chen and others are represented by Messrs. Deacon, Harston and Shenton. Mr. Justice Skinner Turner, of Shanghai, will sit with the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees-Davies K.C.) and Mr. Justice Gompertz.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

M. Joffe, the Soviet agent, is seriously indisposed in Japan and has postponed his return to China indefinitely.

Mr. L. C. Anderson, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, passed through on the P. and O. "Nyanza," on his way to Amoy.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, last week, Mr. John Christopher Cobbett, advocate and solicitor, was married to Miss Enid Bevilacqua Bell, daughter of Mr. W. C. P. Bell of Singapore and Adelaide.

Mr. A. G. Major, H. M. Consul and Accountant at Peking, will shortly relinquish his post on transfer to Tsingtao as Consul. Mr. Tuson will be in temporary charge for a few weeks pending the arrival of Mr. W. P. W. Turner, at present in charge at Tsingtao, who is transferred to Peking.

Mr. Edgar Bonds, a mining engineer in Siam, lost his life while sea-bathing on the 9th inst. He and the party he was with were overtaken by a big wave and Phya Virai, his employer, was also nearly drowned at the same time, the latter, not a swimmer, being saved by his wife and Mr. Harrop another member of the party.

Mr. M. E. F. Airey, superintendent of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., at Hongkong, with Mrs. Airey, who was a passenger home by the "Pembroke," will return to Hongkong by the New Zealand. Mr. R. M. McAlpine is in charge of the Hongkong office during the absence of Mr. Airey.

Another well-known resident who has left Mr. S. J. Deeks, who for many years past has been connected with the activities of the China Mutual Life Insurance Co. Mr. Deeks is now leaving the service of the company, but his many friends hope that at no distant date they will see him once more a resident in China.

Among the passengers to leave Shanghai on the Admiral Line, str. "President Jackson" for Seattle was Mr. E. M. Lambie, who proposes to return in July and start into the interior to film the natives and country seen on his 15 months' journey to India overland. While in America Mr. Lambie will procure the best apparatus available and will bring with him about 15 miles of raw film.

The American community of Shanghai testified its respect and affection for Mr. E. S. Cunningham by entertaining him at dinner at the New Carlton on the 17th inst., in celebration of his having completed 25 years in the American Consular Service. Some hundreds of Americans sat down to table. The chief speakers were Judge Franklin, Judge Lobinger and the guest of the evening.

Capt. R. Turnbull of the s.s. "Taming" was on Saturday afternoon presented with a silver cup by Mr. H. King, H. B. M. Consul at Swatow, on behalf of the British Government, in recognition of his gallantry in rescuing survivors of the s.s. "Hornet" which met with disaster off the Lanchow on March 4, 1921. At that time, Capt. Turnbull was in charge of the "Shanghai" which reached the ill-fated ship ahead of H.M.S. "Porpoise" and H.M.S. "Caroline."

LOCAL TENNIS.

NG SZE KWONG RETAINS THE TITLE.

O. RUMJAHN'S FINE REPORT.

For the sixth year in succession Ng Sze Kwong yesterday proved himself the Colony's lawn tennis champion, winning his second trophy outright. His opponent, O. Rumjahn, put up a splendid fight for so young a player and came very close to making it a five-set match.

There was a very big crowd on the stands and around the sides of the court when the game started at 4.30. The champion took the first set easily enough and did not have much trouble in winning the set 6-1. Soon after the opening of the second set, however, it was made clear that Rumjahn was going to make his man go all the way and his tennis improved as the set wore on until he finally emerged the victor by 6 games to 4. Both played very careful tennis during this set—Ng kept his smashing strokes up his sleeve until later on. Rumjahn was deservedly applauded for getting back some shots which looked to be almost impossible. He sent back some well judged lobs and Ng several times drove over the base line.

It was a sticky atmosphere and both players were finding it strenuous going. Rumjahn, who was doing most of the running about, seemed to be getting tired but he rose to the occasion splendidly in the third set and it was only by the merest piece of "joss" that it went to the champion and not to him. After playing a rattling good game right through the piece he needed one more point to win the set 6-4 when a ball returned by Ng struck the top of the net and, after almost balancing there, rolled over on Rumjahn's side. After that the champion turned the tables and, coming frequently up to the net in order to get in a deadly smash, he took the set 7-5.

For the fourth set new balls were secured and, whether or not these made any difference, certain it is that Rumjahn fell right away and Ng Sze Kwong, playing with ease and brilliancy, only let him have one game. Rumjahn played gamely but he was obviously outclassed and the result of the set was never in doubt. One defect which lost him more than a point or two was his nervousness about smashing even when it seemed a perfectly safe policy.

At any rate, the spectators had a very good run indeed for their money, as the applause at the end of the game demonstrated. Rumjahn made a very fine showing indeed and his tennis career will be watched with interest.

OTHER RESULTS.

The following are the results of yesterday's games:—
Open Championship Singles.—
Challenge Round: Ng Sze Kwong beat O. Rumjahn, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Club Championship.—S. P. Green beat A. Grearley, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.
Handicap Singles "A."—W. B. Cornaby (+15/8) beat G. Miskin (+4/6), 6-2, 6-4.
Handicap Singles "B."—C. W. E. Bishop (+4/6) beat W. N. Nicholson (+1/6), 6-2, 6-3.
Handicap Doubles.—G. R. Sayer and A. D. Humphreys (+4/6) beat E. P. Harrison and M. G. Edwards (+2/6), 8-6, 7-5.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

One of the semi-finals of the mixed doubles is to be played off on the stand court this afternoon, when G. Sewell partnered by Miss H. Irving will meet A. D. Ball and Mrs. Bevan.

LAND SALE.

SLOW BIDDING FOR KOWLOON LOT.

The exception rather than the rule took place at yesterday's auction of Crown Land when Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1574 at Hok Un was put up for sale, Mr. L. C. Parker Ross acting as auctioneer. In spite of Mr. Parker Ross' encouragement in the shape of predictions that with the rapid developments in the Colony, trams and buses would soon be running past the lot, no startling bids were offered and the price rose slowly until at \$87,400 the lot was knocked down to Messrs. Wong Hui-man, Chan Sau-fan and four others, of 163, Queen's Road Central. The plot contains approximately 81,200 square feet, the annual rental is \$285 and the upset price was fixed at \$21,200.

QUITE ALL RIGHT.

Fair Dog Owner (anxiously)—I am afraid poor Floss is going to have rabies, Mr. Vet.
Mr. Vet.—I don't see any signs of it.
"But his poor little tongue is always hanging out of his mouth."
"That is in accordance with a merciful act of Providence. You see, if it hung out of his ear he might experience some difficulty in drinking."

KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

WHAT THE K.R.A. IS DOING.

Since the annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association, several matters of interest and importance have engaged the attention of the Committee.

CONGESTION ON THE STAR FERRIES.

In regard to the inconvenience caused by reason of the daily congestion on the Star Ferry boats the attention of the Government was drawn to the subject, and a reply was received stating that the Government contemplated the institution of a ferry service to carry wheeled traffic as well as passengers from a wharf near the Central Market to the neighbourhood of Jordan Road. The Committee considered that this might solve the problem in the distant future, but that there was need of an immediate improvement in the conditions of travelling. It was thereupon decided to point out to the Ferry Company the inadequacy of the present service and to ask what steps would be taken to improve matters.

IMPROVED POSTAL FACILITIES WANTED.

Another subject which has received considerable attention is that of better postal facilities for Kowloon. Representations have been made to the Government on the matter. A Sub-committee has been appointed to consider certain proposed improvements, these covering the supply of postage stamps and money orders at several centres and the provision of further pillar-boxes at convenient points.

THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

The Government has been approached regarding the inadequacy of the present shelter on the Children's Playground during the summer months, the suggestion being made that a temporary shelter be erected to afford shade to the large number of children using the compound. The Association has learned unofficially that in the new Town Planning scheme provision has been made for a new playground on the triangular patch of ground near Middle Road.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply question engaged the attention of the Committee at its March meeting, when it was resolved to suggest to the Government that the supply be restricted for a few hours daily, in order to save off the possibility of stopping the supply for long and inconvenient hours. At the following meeting it was reported that the Government had restricted the supply.

DUMPING RUBBISH.

Complaints were received regarding the practice of Chinese dumping their house rubbish on the vacant ground adjoining the Kwong Wah Hospital, and the Captain Superintendent of Police was written to on the subject. No reply having been received, a communication has since been made to the Colonial Secretary, enclosing the Association's letter to the C.S.P.

OTHER SUBJECTS.

Other subjects dealt with include Chinese funeral noises at Ho Mun Tin; the defective lighting in the Coronation and Waterloo Roads; bathing facilities; and the housing problem.

ENGINEER SENTENCED.

"UNPROVOKED AND BRUTAL ASSAULT"

For assaulting the chief engineer of the s.s. "Yue Ying Wang," the second engineer, W. O. Nicoll, was sentenced to 40 days imprisonment with hard labour by Commander Beckwith in the Marine Court yesterday.

Captain Ross, the master of the vessel, testified that the assault occurred at noon on April 4 when the vessel was bound for Hoihow. As the assault was repeated it was decided to return to Hongkong. Mr. Grant, the Chief Engineer, in giving evidence, stated that accused was under the influence of drink at the time. Nicoll had been in the ship since January and witness had had no trouble with him before. They had only two European engineers in the ship. On April 4, just as the "stand by" went, defendant came down to the engine room. Witness was standing on the stairway platform. Defendant pushed him away from the starting handle and then struck him and knocked him down. The chief got up and the second came forward again. Witness knocked him down and succeeded in getting the vessel under way. Defendant went up on deck and witness went up to the bridge and reported the assault to the master. It was arranged that they should continue the voyage if possible and the chief went to his cabin to dress. Defendant came along and again threatened him. The chief reported this to Captain Ross, and it was decided to return to Hongkong. Commander Beckwith, described the offence as an unprovoked and brutal assault.

SURPRISED DEFENDANT.

"WHY SO SEVERE?"

"Why are the fines so severe?" queried a defendant in Chinese at the Magistracy this morning, whereupon the interpreter replied: "His Worship has already told you that the maximum fine on each summons is \$250. You have been fined \$175 in all. Move on."

Defendant was Fung Fai-ting of the Yee Woo S. S. Co. He appeared to answer four summonses taken out by the Imports and Exports Department, represented by Mr. S. J. Roe.

The first summons was in respect of failing to return within forty-eight hours after the ship's departure, a manifest for the s.s. "Saichow" which sailed to Canton on March 24. Defendant stated that the manifest was sent in on April 5 or 6. Only one of the firm's employees could write English and this man had gone home in response to an urgent letter, hence the delay. Mr. Roe said that the Department wrote to the defendant firm on April 5 asking for the manifest to be sent in twenty-four hours. Even then they took four days to hand it in.

In reply to a question by His Worship (Mr. J. R. Wood), Mr. Roe said that manifests must be written in English.

A fine of \$50 was imposed. The second summons was for a similar trip by the same ship on March 29. Defendant gave the same excuse and was fined a further \$50.

An inaccuracy in the manifest of the first trip was the offence in the third summons for which a fine of \$25 was imposed.

The fourth summons was taken out for not returning a manifest in regard to the voyage of the "Sun Ping On" on March 24. Defendant was fined \$50 on this summons, making \$175 in all.

MERCANTILE BANK.

REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

The thirtieth annual report of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. states:—
The net profits for the year, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, and including £137,571:8:10 brought forward from last account, amount to £405,107:0:11. From this sum has to be deducted £84,000 being the Interim Dividend of 8 per cent, less Income Tax, on the A, "B" and "C" Shares paid in September last.

The Directors have added £50,000 to the Reserve Fund (raising it to £1,200,000); £15,000 to the Officer's Pension Fund, and written £20,000 off Freehold Banking Premises. They now recommend a Final Dividend on the A, "B" and "C" Shares of 8 per cent, less Income Tax (making 16 per cent. for the year), leaving a balance of £152,105:0:11 to be carried forward.

A branch of the Bank has been opened at Bangkok.

The following Directors retire by rotation, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.—Sir David Yule, Mr. P. R. Chalmers.

COUSINS AT LAW.

MONEY LENDING DISPUTE.

In the Summary Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Rahmit Ullan, an Indian, sued Mir Afza to recover \$100 lent to the defendant on September 17, last.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the plaintiff and Mr. Corbett for the defendant.

In outlining the case, Mr. Russ stated that the parties were cousins. On September 17 last, defendant approached plaintiff for a loan of \$125. The latter told the defendant that he had \$160 in his locker at the Club and defendant offered to go and take the amount required. To this plaintiff assented, giving defendant the key of the locker. On arrival at the Club the man in charge objected at first to defendant opening another man's locker, but finally assented as defendant had the key. Early in January plaintiff asked for the return of the money. Defendant paid \$25 on account. A quarrel ensued, since when no further sum had been paid. Judgment was given for plaintiff with costs.

PICKPOCKET'S CHOICE.

PREFERRED DEATH TO CAPTURE.

A seaman of the s.s. "President Wilson" has reported to the police that shortly after noon yesterday he was buying a bird on the Kowloon Godown Wharf when a Chinese picked his pocket, containing a leather wallet containing \$20.

He gave chase whereupon the man dropped the wallet and to evade arrest, jumped into the harbour. A rope was thrown to him but he refused it and was drowned.

JUNK'S ARMOURY.

ARMS IN SACKS.

CRIMINAL COURT TRIAL.

Arrested aboard a cargo junk upon which rifles and pistols were found, five Chinese were brought before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) and a jury to-day, to answer charges of having been unlawfully in possession of arms and ammunition. Two of the prisoners were women, one a decrepit and the other fairly young. Mr. F. C. Jenkin defended them all and entered on their behalf a plea of "not guilty."

Briefly sketching the Crown case for the jury's information, Mr. A. Dyer Ball told how on the morning of March 12 Sgt. Sauer, of the Water Police, stopped a cargo junk while he was patrolling the harbour and searched it. On board were the five prisoners and three children. When the Sergeant went to lift up a board one of the men stood on it and said "Nothing there." The Sergeant pushed him off and found in the hold underneath sacks containing pistols, parts of rifles and other small arms equipment. He was just too late to prevent the young woman from pushing a sack over the stern into the water. Various statements disclaiming knowledge of the arms were made after the prisoners had been taken to the Water Police Station.

The Court inspected the junk at Murray Pier this afternoon and the hearing was then continued.

DREAMS OF WEALTH.

18-YEAR OLD CHINESE GIRL KIDNAPPED.

Ip Sang, an employee of the Imports and Exports Office was yesterday sentenced by Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Magistracy to six months' hard labour on a charge of kidnapping an eighteen year old girl or, alternatively, with harbouring her. In evidence the girl stated that defendant told her of excellent prospects in America where, according to him, a gold coin was the payment for the simple service of handing a person a towel. She also stated that defendant suggested that she should steal a few hundred dollars or some jewellery from her mistress for her passage money. When she next saw him he gave her tea to drink and placed a handkerchief under her nose with the effect of weakening her resistance. She had lived with defendant at several addresses since.

Mr. Leo d'Almada represented the girl's mistress, an old Chinese woman, and Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs outlined the case to the Magistrate. According to Mr. Nicholl, defendant was arrested, as the result of certain information, in a house at Graham Street.

Defendant denied that he took the girl away against her will adding that the girl volunteered to become his wife on payment of \$50. He also alleged that the girl stated that she had no friends or relatives in Hongkong.

His Worship disbelieved the man's story and imposed sentence as stated.

CASE TO BE RE-HEARD.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared before Mr. Melbourne this morning and stated that he had been instructed by a relative of the defendant to apply for a re-hearing of the case.

His Worship asked on what facts did Mr. McCallum desire the case to be reheard.

Mr. McCallum replied that he had only just been instructed. He understood that the prosecution alleged that defendant had taken the girl away without the consent of her mistress. His instructions were that there had been meetings previously on three or four occasions when negotiations had taken place with a view to a regular marriage between the parties. He had witnesses who could substantiate the statement that the girl had agreed to marry defendant.

His Worship intimated that he would advise Mr. d'Almada and they could arrange a date for re-hearing.

TENNIS FRIENDLY.

GRENADEERS BEAT VOLUNTEERS.

A friendly tennis match was played by the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps against the King Edward's Own Grenadiers at the United Services Recreation Club on Sunday.

The Grenadiers proved to be the stronger team and won a well-contested series of sets by 8 sets to 3.

HOW TO PUT IT.

Reporter—What shall I say about old Brown, the candidate you sent me to interview? He kicked me down the stairs.

Editor—Oh, just say that he declined with much emphasis to express any opinion whatever.

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"DOCTOR OF DIVINITY."

OPENING AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH 35. 8D.

Details of the astonishing election campaign of George Augustus Jennings, who stood as Liberal candidate for North Paddington at the general election and was sentenced at the Old Bailey to four years' penal servitude for fraud, were given in the London *Evening News* in an article from which the following extracts are taken—

The day Jennings arrived before the Liberal Association in the North Paddington division, October 30 last, he possessed, in addition to the silver tongue, the gold-rimmed eyeglass, and the Rolls-Royce (hired and paid for with a "dud" cheque), the following—

For banking accounts, dormant and overdrawn.
Eight cheque books.
Ten county court summonses.
Five convictions for fraud.
35. 8d. in cash.

Against him on that very day judgment had been given in the county court for his landlady's bill of £47.

In his address he spoke with deep feeling of the work of the League of Nations—deep feeling because of his own "terrible sufferings in battle" and of the sights he had witnessed. Five times had he been wounded—he said.

Of the career of Corporal Jennings, some time of the West Yorkshire Regiment, with service wholly in Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire, he spoke not at all.

With some reluctance Jennings was urged to tell the association more of his qualifications, and they came fast and furious—

He was a Doctor of Divinity of Durham University.

He had served in the South African war (he would then have been nine years old). He was a wealthy man with large interests in Russia.

He had been on G.H.Q. staff for a long time.

He was the director of five companies and chairman of a sixth.

He assured them there was no need for them to put up any money for election expenses. He would pay them all. And not being a wealthy association, the Liberals were glad of the opportunity and did not actually contribute to the cost of the election.

FLOOD OF CHEQUES.

Everybody in the Liberal Association set to work. Printing was put in hand on a large scale, sub-committee rooms were hired (though not paid for), and the division was soon spread with Jennings literature.

In the previous August Jennings had swindled a clergyman living in the North out of his life's savings, some £680, by this trifling nest egg had been used up long before the refuge of North Paddington was reached. With only his 35. 8d. in hand, Jennings began to cast cheques out on the broad waters of the electorate and raised money on bogus cheques from every bank he could. Ready money he obtained by inducing all his supporters to cash his cheques.

Even after his reputation Jennings was always cool and composed. At one meeting in the Paddington Town Hall the captain was talking about the meat embargo, when, appropriately enough, a local butcher, who held three returned cheques, exchanged for cash, mounted the platform and read out the cheques which he held in his hand.

"Candidate!" said the butcher, "You are no candidate, you are a thief and a scoundrel!" waving the cheques in the air. "The town hall is not the place for you, but the dock, sir."

Jennings, with perfect sangfroid, looked at his interpreter, and said in icy tones: "You shall have a writ in due course, sir," and proceeded with his speech.

A CHAUFFEUR'S TONGUE.

Two girls were quarrelling. "Oh," said a young man, "but I ought to tell you that last night at your party your sister promised to marry me. Will you forgive me for taking her away?"

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"CAVENDISH."

LINK WITH THE DAYS OF WHIST.

What memories are recalled by the announcement of the death, in her ninety-fifth year, of the widow of the great "Cavendish"? Perhaps we should rather say the once great "Cavendish," for the generation which knew "Cavendish" by heart, and gladly obeyed his rules, is rapidly passing away, and another has come in to which he is already the shadow of a name, says the *Daily Telegraph*. "Cavendish's" other name was Henry Jones, and he was a London doctor by profession, but fame never found him for aught that he did in the practice of medicine or in the art of surgery, and his unique title to fame is that he codified the laws of Whist. The game, it is understood, still survives, but far north of Piccadilly and far south of St. James's-street, and though of late it has enjoyed a blizz of democratic popularity in "Whist drives" and tournaments, which are the exhilaration of certain suburban circles, and one of the last recent devices for brightening village life, the game is now stone-dead in the rooms once consecrated to its ritual. The odd thing is that, in its earliest days, Whist was not a fashionable game, like Ombre and Spadille. It was rather the game of the servants' hall, fit at the best for the diversion of hunting men and country squires, but not of ladies of quality and gentlemen of the first fashion. The Crown Coffee House, in Bedford-row, long since gone with its fellows to limbo, was the first place, according to the Hon. Daines Barrington, where Whist was played on scientific principles; and where the three cardinal rules were first given on the young player's memory: "Lead from the strong suit; study your partner's hand; attend to the score"—rules which are still the first steps to wisdom in the education of the Compleat Gamespace of to-day. But while we recall the memory of "Cavendish," it would not do to forget the names of the even greater men who begat him. There is the veteran Edmond Hoyle, the Nyren of the cardroom, who lived to be ninety-seven—such are the elixir properties of the game—and produced his "Short Treatise" in 1742, when he was in his seventieth year. His laws ruled the Whist table for more than a century, till they were superseded in 1860 by the code drawn up by the Arlington and Portland Clubs. Hoyle consolidated the game. He taught successive generations of players to calculate the chances and first stated cases to show "what might be effected by a very good player in critical parts of the game." He instructed his pupils, in fact, by skillful ratiocination to see through the backs of their adversaries' cards, and read the picture and in his earliest editions he offered for a guinea to "disclose the secret of his artificial memory, which does not take your attention off the game." How cheap such a guinea's worth would be for those who are doomed to play at some of the chattering Bridge-tables of to-day!

So much for Hoyle, the only man on earth whom Sarah Battle would have acknowledged to be her master, and the Solon and Solomon combined.

By whose enlightened efforts whist became

A sober, serious, scientific game; To whose unwearied pains, while here below,

The great, th' important privilege we owe,

That random strokes disgrace our play no more,

But skill presides where all was chance before.

The "Long Whist" of Hoyle's own day was superseded by "Short Whist" to gratify the bustling spirit of the age and to make a quicker game, and the old query, "Partner, can you one?" is probably never uttered now from one year to another. Short Whist (five up instead of ten) ruled the green cloth throughout the nineteenth century, and though other games came in for a season and found their eager votaries, the Whist tables never went empty and the game was played more and finished, incapable, it was said, of further perfection. The greatest name in the history of the short game is James Clay, friend and fellow traveller of Disraeli in his early days, to whose memory "Cavendish" dedicated the tenth edition of his *Laws and Principles of Whist*. Clay represented Brighton for many years, but his real eminence was in the card-room, and he enjoyed unchallenged the most enviable distinction of being the finest "Whist" player in the land. "Once wrote," you must either excel them in their accomplishments or despise them. Clay does the one, I do the other, and we are both equally popular." Then "Cavendish" took over the torch, and besides being the great codifier of the laws of Whist, he was the first in his exhaustive treatise to give a selection of illustrated hands played completely through, with the red suits printed in red ink. Perhaps it was the very scene and

SMUGGLED DRUGS.

HONGKONG COCAINE HAUL. PROSECUTION IN LONDON.

An amazing story of a secret gigantic "drug" organisation in Basinghall-street, E. C., came to light in mail week at the Guildhall when H.M.F. Humphrey, a director of the firm bearing his name, was fined £200 and sent to prison for six months in the second division.

"Behind the screen of a legitimate hardware business," said the prosecuting counsel, "this man controls a powerful secret and wealthy organisation for dealing in drugs. He has employed the facilities afforded to business men to make huge profits by trafficking in cocaine and morphine."

The dramatic discovery of drugs in sofas and chairs in a ship at Hongkong as well as the intercepting of letters was described.

Mr. H. D. Roome appeared for the Director of Public Prosecutions and Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C., and Mr. Travers Humphreys appeared for Humphrey.

The extent of this man's activities, said Mr. Roome, "may best be gauged by his own account of himself under his own hand. He says—

"I have a perfect organisation; I have many friends amongst Customs, etc., and I understand the business very thoroughly. In fact, I do not believe that there is anyone who has a better control."

"On October 11 last year the steamship 'Mishima Maru' was boarded off Hongkong by Revenue officers, and a Japanese named Tiew was arrested. His belongings included four cases of furniture."

"There were two sofas and four armchairs, and they contained between them, hidden in the upholstery, 2,400 ounces of morphine and 2,500 ounces of cocaine. In Tiew's possession were found documents through which the authorities were enabled to lay hands on Humphrey."

Another document found on Tiew was an envelope, on the back of which, in Humphrey's handwriting, were the following directions—

One sofa, contains 50lb (and then an abbreviation relating to the drugs).

Another sofa contains given quantities of crystals.

One chair contains ten quantities of cubes.

Another chair contains crystals, and

Another chair crystals. Altogether 151lb.

INTERCEPTED LETTERS.

A contract signed by Humphrey agreed to purchase not less than 1,000 pounds of drugs during each year.

There was another document relating to a second ship with 2,500 ounces of cocaine at 18s., equal to £2,250; 500 ounces of heroin at 20s., equal to £500; 40 pounds of cocaine, at 14s., equal to £560; total, £3,310.

Letters between a Chinese firm, which desired to import drugs into England and Humphrey had been intercepted.

One letter gave the basis of a suggested joint shipment which Mr. Roome remarked was equivalent to eighty-seven and a half million doses of cocaine.

Alderman Sir William Pryke said he thought it was a very serious case, and added that there was no doubt in his mind that Humphrey had been trading, directly, with regard to drugs in a very large and wholesale manner.

He inflicted the maximum penalty of £200 and six months' imprisonment in the second division, and a further three months in default of payment of the fine.

perfection of Whist that led to its undoing. To sit down at a Whist table with a player of repute had become an ordeal. Shattering were the comments, withering the scorn, overwhelming the confusion which crushed the bungling player.

Whist to many was not so much a game or an accomplishment as a discipline, an ingenious form of torture, salutary for the soul maybe, but with little real fun therein for the ordinary mortal, unless he played with kindred irreverent spirits. Whist has become such a tyranny that there were many fully ripe for revolt at the end of last century, when Solo Whist came in and broke down its outer defences; and still more when Bridge arrived and stormed its inmost citadel. Where Bridge came from let others decide if they can; the Portland Club drew up its first code of laws in 1895, soon to become obsolete before the irresistible advance of Auction Bridge, the brisker, livelier, more exacting game; which at the moment shows no sign of losing its extraordinary popularity as the occupation of the idle and the relaxation of the busy—of both sexes and of all ages. The Whist players of the old days may "know the change and feel it," but if they need comfort they may find it in the thought that both Bridge and Auction Bridge are themselves in the true succession of Whist.

SIKI LOSES.

MCTIGUE WINS DUBLIN FIGHT.

The fight between Battling Siki and Mike McTigue at the Scala Theatre, Dublin, was a wonderful display (writes the Sports Editor of the *Daily Mirror*).

McTigue won with his left hand, which was always scoring, his clever elusiveness, and his superb defence when by sheer strength Siki forced his way to close quarters.

Siki was often at a loss what to do with his slippery opponent.

There is no question of the correctness of Mr. Jack Smith's verdict. Sitting outside the ring I should have given the same verdict at the end of seventeen rounds, and McTigue won the last three easier than any of the others.

A lath of a man, it looked as if he must be overwhelmed by his splendidly built and athletic looking opponent.

The negro attacked so strenuously in the early stages that it seemed as if the taller man would be battered to the floor, but boxing is a game of skill, and there is no question that Siki was outpointed as a boxer.

MCTIGUE'S STRATEGY.

There was, however, a great diversity of opinion as to the verdict. At the close McTigue said: "I won easily, and I would have stopped him in the thirteenth round only my right thumb went. I beat him to the punch two to one."

That is also my opinion. On the other hand, there can be no question that Siki forced the fighting. He did not connect, however, with three out of four of his leads, and always ran into a light straight left.

It was not always a closed glove, it must be confessed, and McTigue was told about it by Mr. Smith, but still that left hand was always there.

Then when they got into clinches Siki almost invariably tucked his left hand away under the Irishman's arm, and as his opponent was the real offender in that respect McTigue was perhaps justified in clever holding in counter.

It really seemed as if the turning point of the fight had been reached in the eleventh round, when Siki opened a gash over the Irishman's eye, with a right hook, about the best punch the negro delivered in the fight.

That handicap only brought out the real strategy of McTigue. Only twice more during the next nine rounds did Siki really land on the damaged eye.

McTigue's defence was really so wonderful that he always seemed to be giving the negro a half-opening somewhere else, and the closing it up when the attack came. It mystified the spectators at the ringside, just as much as it did the Seneagales.

Siki could never understand why that tantalising left hand was always in one eye or the other, or on his lips, and why his opponent, having apparently made an opening for his own right, did not take it and join issue in a fight. Fighting, however, was not part of McTigue's game.

He apparently realised early on that he had an infinitesimal chance of knocking out the magnificent specimen of manhood before him, and so he did not try, but just to keep his opponent alive to the fact that he also had a big punch in his right hand, he slipped it every now and then.

For instance, in the sixth round he made the negro wince with a real thump to the body. At that point it was far and away the most effective blow landed during the fight, and Siki reeled back to the ropes.

Descamps exclaimed, "Oh, la, la!" when McTigue landed a tremendous punch with the right in the tenth. It was a bit high, as it might easily have finished the fight, but it left its mark in the negro's left eye.

In the next round, Siki, apparently tantalised, cut out a rare pace and opened himself up a lot. McTigue hit him at will with the left and hit him at least once with the right, and was then forced on the orchestra side of the stage.

McTigue was barked on the right eye, and was instantly deluged with blood. How they plugged the deep hole in the minute's rest I do not know, but there was little blood from that eye for the remainder of the bout, and so up to the seventeenth round McTigue remained elusive, dancing or ducking out of the way of blows or taking them with his elbow or back.

In the seventeenth, McTigue started to fight with both hands himself and so, with Siki trying desperately, the end came, and points on a game of skill undoubtedly went to the cleverer man and Siki lost not only his world's light-heavy-weight title, but also his European heavy-weight championship.

He did not like the verdict. He said: "I protest. I won the fight. I won at least seventeen of the twenty rounds."

It was perhaps the natural feeling of the man who had tried to win by fighting, but while the rules of the National Sporting Club cover championship contests this side of the Atlantic, Mike McTigue was a good and clever winner, and so thought the bulk of the crowd—
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COURT MARTIAL.

CHARGES AGAINST PRIVATE.

Private Edward Smith of the 2nd Battalion of the King's Regiment appeared this morning before a District Court-Martial, charged with drunkenness and striking his superior officer, a lance-corporal in charge of an escort. Major Wright was President.

The accused pleaded guilty to the first charge and not guilty to the second.

Lance-Corporal Hewison alleged as to the assault. Another Lance-Corporal said he had called an escort to place the prisoner under arrest. The witness said that accused was very violent, two men being needed to arrest him, though eventually he went quietly to the guard-room.

Lieutenant H. A. Redding appeared as "prisoner's friend."

The second witness for the prosecution was Lance-Corporal Hewison, who stated that the accused had struck him in the face with his fist. Accused was drunk at the time. When asked by the Court where he had met the accused witness replied "I did not meet him. He met me in the face with his fist." The witness denied that he was on bad terms with accused.

Corporal Foster was called next and gave evidence that he saw accused with the escort and that accused was under the influence of liquor at the time.

Private Sandland told the Court how he had been warned to escort the accused to the guard-room on the day in question though he had not seen the prisoner strike Lance-Corporal Hewison. Private Turner was called by the Court to hear out the evidence of the previous witness as to having been warned for the escort.

This closed the case for the prosecution. The accused declined to give evidence in his defence or to call any witness.

The decision will be promulgated in due course.

YESTERDAY'S COURT MARTIAL.

Owing to a regrettable inadvertence our report of the court martial held yesterday gave Pte. Smith as the name of the accused man. The soldier actually before the Court was No. 3757388 Pte. John Wilde.

DETAILED WITNESS.

MR. JENKIN'S PROTEST.

CRIMINAL COURT INCIDENT.

Before the trial of five Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of arms aboard a junk began at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who appeared for the defence, said that the case would be attended by rather peculiar circumstances. One of them was that this morning the police directed a witness of his named Loo Sui, whom he found here early and asked to return to his shop until sent for, had been detained by the police. He had had no notice that they intended to detain him as a witness for the Crown. "And," added Mr. Jenkin, "the last thing I desire is, that the police should have anything to do with him whatever." Counsel asked that the man should be released.

Mr. Dyer Ball said in reply to the Police Judge that he had heard of this man in connection with the case but he, personally, was not going to call him as a witness. The police did, however, mention him and therefore he (Mr. Dyer Ball) had instructed the police to see that he was in Court in case he was wanted.

The Police Judge said he had no doubt Mr. Dyer Ball would take the necessary steps to have the man released and Mr. Dyer Ball undertook that this should be done.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS.

IN "THE NUT."

As is but fitting since he plays the title, Douglas Fairbanks in "The Nut," his latest comedy which is being shown at the Coronet just now, wears more fashionable clothes than anybody would have credited him with possessing. All told, he appears in a dozen different suits, each the acme of its particular style, and it is said that these are what he had made for his recent honeymoon. Doug. takes the part of an eccentric young fellow whose hobby is invention. He is deeply in love with a girl who lives on the floor above him in a Greenwich Village apartment house. Having laid siege to the fair charmer's heart, he invents ways of pleasing her—and then has to invent ways and means of extricating himself from the difficulties caused by his inventions.

CANTON CONFLICT.

ANTI-SUN TROOPS IN FLIGHT.

ATROCITIES COMMITTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 23.

Fighting has slackened considerably. The Kwangsi resistance is smashed and their troops are retreating in disorder. The troops previously at Shuiukwan have commenced moving away in a north-westerly direction, bound either for Kiangsi or Kwangsi. Without having to give battle, the Yunnanese-Cantonese "allies" are consolidating their gains and marching northward along the Yueh-Nan Railway. Yuan Tan, the temporary headquarters of Shum Hung-ying has also been vacated, the Kwangsi-ites retiring on Ying Tak. Shuiukwan is entirely clear of Kwangsi troops and the West River is free to water transport.

Reports of atrocities committed by the vanquished in their line of retreat have been received. Their main object seems to have been plunder but many were unscrupulous as to what damage might be caused. In one district, several villages sent their combined guards out. After a brief skirmish, the fleeing troops surrendered and were disarmed. They are now confronted with the sole choice of having to join the robber-bands in the neighbourhood.

Yang Hsi-man, commander-in-chief of the Yunnanese troops, is reported as having established new headquarters at Sun Kai.

The gunboats sent to assist in the operations at Shuiukwan are still at that port.

AID FROM WU PEI-FU.

CANTON, April 21.

Advice was received this morning to the effect that a portion of the Kwangsi troops—those who were not sent south but remained at Shuiukwan—are entrencing at Wan Shek. It is added that three thousand Northern troops despatched by Wu Pei-fu have entered Kwangtung from Kiangsi in an endeavour to co-operate with the undefeated portion of the Kwangsi army.

The Kwangsi-ites expelled from Shuiukwan are returning to Wuchow but the pro-Sun troops are not pursuing them, this being probably due to lack of ammunition.

COMPANY MEETING.

MACKINTOSH & CO., LTD.

The tenth annual meeting of the shareholders in Mackintosh & Co., Ltd., was held on Monday, April 23, when after paying an interim dividend of \$1 per share, a final dividend of \$1.50 per share was declared making a total of \$2.50 per share for the year 1922/23.

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ITALIAN CABINET.

POPULAR PARTY MINISTERS RESIGN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ROME, April 24.

Signor Mussolini, the Premier, has accepted the resignation of Cabinet Ministers belonging to the popular party.

PEKING PARLIAMENT.

WANT OF CONFIDENCE VOTE.

PEKING, April 23.

The question of a want of confidence in the Government came up in the House of Representatives this afternoon.

The Government's supporters proved too strong for the vote, on the question, and finally the House passed a resolution referring the matter to a committee of the whole House, which may be considered as shelving the motion.

INJURED STUDENTS PROTEST.

The House also passed a resolution requesting the Government to lodge a strong protest with the Japanese Government through the Charge d'Affaires with regard to the alleged ill-treatment of Chinese students by the Japanese police during the recent anti-treaty demonstration in Tokyo, and also requesting the Government to remit money for the students' medical treatment in connection with the injuries they received. Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

SKIRMISH WITH SENUSSI.

ITALIAN ATTACK SUCCEEDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ROME, April 23.

A communiqué states that three detachments of Italian troops occupied the headquarters of the Chief of the Senussi at Agheharia on the morning of April 21, and put the enemy to flight. The Italian losses were four coloured soldiers killed and 26 wounded. The enemy losses were apparently heavy.

The action was decided upon as a result of the Chief of the Senussi at present in Egypt accepting the title of Emir of Tripoli and Cyrenaica from the rebels and becoming leader of the opposition to Italian authority.

Until 1912 a Turkish vilayet, Tripoli has since then been an Italian colony, extending from the Sahara Desert to the Mediterranean. It has an area of about 400,000 sq. miles and a population of 1,500,000. The coast was formerly infested with Barbary pirates. Cyrenaica is also in North Africa.

MIDINETTES.

PARIS LOCK OUT DECLARED.

PARIS, April 23.

The midinettes have been locked out.

The midinettes employed by the Rue de la Paix dress-makers went on strike last week demanding a 40 per cent. increase of wages making a scale ranging from 150 francs a week for first-class hands to 32/44 francs for apprentices, a 48-hours week and half-holiday on Saturdays.]

LOYAL SIKHS KILLED.

INDIAN POLITICAL MURDERS.

LAHORE, April 23.

Six loyal Sikhs have been murdered during the last few weeks for political motives in the Hoshiarpur and Jullundur districts of the Punjab by persons dressed as Akalis.

The Government believes the murders are the work of a revolutionary gang. A number of arrests have been made.

RUBBER COMPANY.

£200,000 CAPITAL SOON SUBSCRIBED.

LONDON, April 23.

The Lambak-Rubber Co., Ltd., formed with a capital of £200,000 to acquire a rubber estate of 5,529 acres in Central Johore at £88,280 in cash, has issued £145,000 shares at par. The capital has been fully subscribed and the lists have closed.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

FRENCH SUBJECTS KILLED.

PARIS, April 23.

A message from Duesseldorf states that a French guard was killed and two French soldiers were killed and two injured in a collision between passenger and goods trains at Enskirchen on Saturday night.

[Enskirchen, a Rhenish Prussian town with 10,500 inhabitants, is near Cologne.]

MARKS RELAPSE.

LONDON, April 23.

Marks have relapsed to 133,000, 135,000.

ARRESTED PATRIARCH.

ALLEGED RUSSIAN TORTURES.

RIGA, April 24.

It is rumoured that the Cheka is trying to extract a recantation from the Patriarch Tikhon by torturing him by means of electricity.

A more refined form of cruelty consists of allowing the Patriarch to receive Bolshevik newspapers only, especially those containing accounts of the recent ecclesiastical trials and the demands for his own death.

BOXING EVENT.

MCTIGUE TO FIGHT CARPENTIER.

NEW YORK, April 24.

Tex Rickard, the boxing promoter, announces a match between McTigue and Carpenter, for the world's light-heavy-weight championship on July 14 at New York. [McTigue, as reported elsewhere in this issue, recently defeated the black boxer Siki.]

CURZON'S FEELER.

GERMAN OFFER COMING?

BERLIN, April 23.

There are indications that the Government is considering the advisability of making a definite reparations offer in consequence of Earl Curzon's speech the official version of which the Cabinet are deliberating upon in the afternoon.

EARL CREWE BETTER.

PARIS, April 23.

Earl Crewe has completely recovered and returns to Paris from Cannes on April 26.

GERMAN DISCOUNT.

BERLIN, April 23.

The Reichs Bank has raised the discount rate from 12 to 18 per cent.

TODAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.The P. & O. "Kashmir" arrived in
Marseilles at 5 a.m. on Apr. 20.
The C.P.R. "R.M.S. Empress of
Russia" arrived at Nagasaki on Apr. 23
at 5 a.m. left Nagasaki on Apr. 23 at
6 p.m. and is due at Kobe to-day at
4 a.m.
The B. L. s.s. "Benary" from Mid-
dlebro, Antwerp and London left
Singapore for this port on Apr. 10 and
may be expected to arrive here to-
morrow.The N.Y.K. s.s. "Gado Maru" (Hem-
bay Line) left Moji for Hongkong on Apr.
23 and is expected here on Apr. 27.
The B. F. s.s. "Glaucus" left Liver-
pool on Mar. 24 for Penang, Port Swet-
ter, Singapore, Hongkong, and
Shanghai and is due here on Apr. 27.
The N.Y.K. s.s. "Yamagata Maru" (Ca-
lcutta Line) left Kobe for Hongkong
via Moji on Apr. 23 and is expected here
on May 2.The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kamakura Maru" (Hem-
bay Line) left Moji for Hongkong on Apr.
23 and is expected here on Apr. 17 and is
expected here on May 4.
The C.P.R. s.s. "Empress of Asia",
Commander, will leave here for Victoria
and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Woo-
sung), Kobe and Yokohama at noon on
May 4.The C.P.R. s.s. "Empress of Asia",
left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan
ports, Shanghai on Apr. 19 and is due
here on May 6.The N.Y.K. s.s. "Osaka Maru" (Ca-
lcutta Line) left Calcutta for Hongkong
via Rangoon on Apr. 23 and is expected
here on May 8.The N.Y.K. s.s. "Toyohashi Maru" (Hem-
bay Line) left Kobe for Hongkong
via Ports on Apr. 23 and is expected

"MEN LIKE GODS."

MR. H. G. WELLS'S NEW NOVEL.

Mr. Wells's new novel, "Men Like Gods" (Cassell, 7s. 6d.), should please three classes of readers: those who like the exciting stories of his first period, those who like his dreams of an ideal future, and those who like his social satire.

The plot is simple. Several motor-cars, full of diverse people, get caught up into another and Utopian world, perhaps a thousand years ahead of humanity, by a sort of fourth-dimensional experiment. That world is outwardly very much like ours but its inhabitants, who are glorified human beings, are wise and good and simple beyond all belief. With the exception of Mr. Barnstable, a journalist on holiday, none of the earthlings, as they are called, is in the least capable of really appreciating Utopia, and they plot together to overcome the population. The plot childish fails, and Mr. Barnstable, who has escaped from his fellowcountrymen and joined the Utopians, leads an ideally happy life until he is sent back to his own world.

What may be called the mechanical part of the idea is worked out with all Mr. Wells's old skill, though the details are more flimsy than they used to be. But, then, we must remember (and many will regret it) that the object of this book is not only to amuse but to instruct. Mr. Wells's theory of Utopia is arresting if not, in essence, very original; it is simply a world that has solved most of the problems that make this world full of disease, poverty, and unhappiness.

As for the social satire, it strikes us as being a little heavy-handed. The earthlings are really too earthy. Indeed, they are almost caricatures—especially Father Auster, whose thunderings on the subject of marriage and whose attempts to clothe the Utopians in a more seemly fashion end by making him highly unpopular; and Mr. Freddy Mue, who is obviously meant to represent a well-known London figure. But it is all very amusing if very unreal. The extravagance of the satire causes it to fall rather flat, but, considered merely as a foil to the virtues of the Utopians, it has its value.

Many of his readers will regret that Mr. Wells has not given us more of a story—the book is a sociological dream rather than a novel—but all will rejoice that the author shows so much vigorous command of the different types of writing that have made him famous.

JOYRIDING INTO ACTION.

WAR OF THE FUTURE.

Armies of the future will literally fly into battle. Transport trains will be the gigantic aeroplanes, armed against attack from enemy machines, and against gunfire from the earth.

Experts in this country are now turning their attention to the designing of huge all-steel aeroplanes that will be able to carry 300 fully-armed soldiers. A fleet of these (writes a *Daily Chronicle* aviation correspondent) will be able to transport a small army at a speed of more than 100 miles an hour.

On the programme of the Air Ministry is a troop-carrying aeroplane that has accommodation for 50 "Tommys" which is approximately a platoon of infantry. The construction of this leviathan of the air is to be begun during this year.

But this does not represent the limit of carrying capacity, and experts are convinced that four or five times that number can be transported in a single plane.

The Royal Air Force, with its own infantrymen and its own armoured cars, has taken over completely the policing of Mesopotamia. In due course other outposts of the Empire will be handed over to the keeping of the Air Force.

Instead of garrisons of soldiers there will be squadrons of our bird-men making daily reconnaissance of vast areas in a single flight.

There will be no more forced marches across arid lands ready by native lying in ambush ready to snipe the men. Instead, the soldiers will have a "joy-ride" into action.

Everything will be of steel. Even the wings of these giant planes are built up of metal, so that there will be no vulnerable parts. They are, nevertheless, lighter than the old type of wood and fabric machines.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, as announced in May and June of last year, proving that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future, if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

S.S. "BRITISH TRADE."

THE KING'S INTEREST.

WORLD VOYAGE IMITATED BY GERMANS.

According to present arrangements the s.s. "British Trade," formerly the Orient liner "Orontes," will sail from London early in June on a 41,000-mile world tour as a floating exhibition of British products.

The tour, which is to include South America, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Dutch East Indies, Straits Settlements, Burma, India, Ceylon, Egypt, and Algeria, is for the purpose of demonstrating to buyers in those countries the great variety of British manufactures. It is a private venture organised by the British World Trade Expedition, Ltd., of 5 and 6, Coventry-street, W.

A representative of the organisers pointed out to a *Daily Mail* reporter that expeditions of a similar character are being organised in France and Germany and it is the intention of British organisers to be first in the field.

A seaplane advance agent, he said, "which, when we get near a port, will go ahead and announce our arrival. In the port at which we call the vessel will be illuminated and receptions held on board. All the Colonial and Dominion authorities have granted the ship freedom of their ports."

The vessel is at present undergoing a refit at Hull, where four of her decks are being converted into exhibition halls, and arrangements are also being made to fit up a cinema theatre in which films of British factories at work can be shown.

A model of the ship is on view at the British Industries Fair at the White City, and was inspected by the King and Queen.

The King took great interest in the details of the scheme, which was explained to him by Sir Cecil Beck, chairman of British World Trade Expedition, Ltd., and by Major Joyce, the managing director, who expressed his pleasure on being assured there was every hope that the British ship would sail before her German competitor. The King wished the organisers success.

HONGKONG'S HEALTH.

TWELVE SMALLPOX DEATHS.

Smallpox figures fairly prominently among the cases of notifiable disease reported during the week ended April 21. Of twelve cases notified all proved fatal. One of these was French, two imported and the rest were all Chinese.

Next on the list was plague of which half a dozen Chinese cases were notified, five proving fatal. Three Chinese died of enteric fever and two survived and among four cases of cerebrospinal fever there were two deaths. There were two cases of puerperal fever and two of influenza. There was also a Jewish case of diphtheria.

The return issued to-day covering the period of 24 hours ended yesterday shows that one fresh case each of small-pox, cerebrospinal fever and puerperal fever have been notified and there have been two cases of enteric fever.

ROYAL WEDDING DRESS.

NOTTINGHAM LACE FOR LADY ELIZABETH.

The wedding gown to be worn by Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon at her marriage to the Duke of York at Westminster Abbey on April 26 will be composed largely of lace made in Nottingham.

By her decision Lady Elizabeth hopes to revive interest in an old British industry. The lace employed will come from a number of different Nottingham factories. Part of Lady Elizabeth's trousseau is being made almost entirely at her home by Lady Strathmore, her mother, Lady Strathmore's maid, and another old servant of the family.

THE PRINCE AND THE DUKE. It is now almost certain that the Prince of Wales will act as best man to the Duke of York, and in all probability both will wear naval uniforms.

The first portrait for which Lady Elizabeth has sat since her engagement is a crayon sketch which has just been completed by Mr. J. S. Sargent, R.A., while she is still sitting to Mrs. W. Lee-Hankey, who is painting her in miniature. Lady Elizabeth is also giving sittings to Mr. Louis Roslyn, the sculptor, who has been commissioned by a society of the natives of Dundee, now resident in Torquay, to execute a bust of her. Lady Elizabeth may afterwards offer it to the town of Dundee.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

SHANGHAI GETTING READY.

Shanghai cricketers are (says the *China Press*) waiting impatiently for the rain to stop, so they can begin preparation for the interport match with Hongkong, which is scheduled for May 17, on the grounds of the Shanghai Cricket Club. The grounds there are to be opened for net practice as soon as the weather permits, and practice games have been arranged for April 28 and 29, and for May 5 and 6.

The important interport match comes rather early, inasmuch as the local players hardly will have had time to get thoroughly limbered up; but this arrangement is made necessary by reason of the fact that the Hongkong season for cricket closes along in the Spring, just when our season is fairly opening, and for that reason the match had to be arranged early. It may seem a bit unfair to the Shanghai players to put them into such an important match so early in the season; but it must be remembered that when the Shanghai team went to Hongkong last fall it was just the beginning of their season, so it events up in the long run.

Unless the rain stops pretty soon the Shanghai team will be hard put for time in which to get into shape for the Hongkong game. At this writing the grounds are as soft as a sponge; absolutely saturated, and even with warm sunshine and wind it is doubtful whether they could be utilised for practice before the early part of next week.

The Hongkong team's flag now reposes in Shanghai, by reason of the victory achieved by the local eleven on its trip to the Crown Colony last November. Needless to say the visitors will make a strong effort, not only to regain possession of their own flag, but to capture the Shanghai emblem as a trophy to take home with them.

The captain for this year's Shanghai team has not yet been chosen, but among the wise ones it is said this honour will fall either to Mr. G. M. Billings or Captain E. I. M. Barrett, either of whom will make a strong leader. Dr. O'Hara, one of the bowling lights of the locals, is returning to Shanghai shortly from home leave and after his good rest is expected to be in prime condition for a good season.

HIS FIRST OUTING.

"MASTER LASCELLES" SALUTE.

A SCOTCH CHRISTENING CAKE.

The little son of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles continues to make wonderful progress. He now weighs just over 8lb. A little golden down adorns his head, and he has the promise of a very fine crop of hair. His eyes are beginning to look a deep blue colour.

When he went out for the first time he was driven to Buckingham Palace, where, after a visit to his grandmother, his nurse carried him in her arms for a short stroll in the gardens of the Palace.

He is an amazingly good-tempered baby and hardly cries at all. Master Lascelles received his first public salute from the sentries at Buckingham Palace. His nurse lifted his little hand as they drove past, helping him to return the salute.

It was Princess Mary's wish that her baby should not wear any coloured ribbons until his christening. Last summer, on the Yorkshire moors, Viscount Lascelles picked a bunch of white heather. He had it dried, and it has now been fastened to the baby's cradle with a large blue bow.

Messrs. McVitie and Price supplied the christening cake for the son of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles. This firm had the honour of supplying the christening cake and also the wedding cake for Princess Mary.

THE JOCKEY CLUB'S SECOND GYMKHANA IS TO BE HELD ON MAY 5.

A final organ recital by Mr. Denman Fuller is to be given in St. John's Cathedral next Monday at 3 p.m.

Mr. H. J. Macdonald, H. M. Vice-Consul in the Shanghai Records Office, has been confined to his house after being in the hospital for two weeks on account of an operation on his leg.

HE HAD THOUGHT OF THAT TOO.

Old Man—If I give my daughter to you, young man, where will you take her?
Young Man—Well, er—I thought perhaps we might stay here with you until I can get things straightened out a bit.

Old Man—H'm, yes; I had quite overlooked that, easy solution of the difficulty, but my house is very small.

Young Man—Yes, I thought of that, too; but the idea occurred to me that possibly the house could be enlarged.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

CHINA COAST, ETC.

Apr. 25—*I.O.S.N.* Foochow. Szechuan Maru.
26—*O.S.K.* Szechuan Maru.
27—*O.N.* Chekiang Maru.
28—*O.N.* Sunning Maru.
29—*O.S.N.* Hainan Maru.
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May 1—*O.N.* Luchow Maru.
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Apr. 26—*O.S.K.* Szechuan Maru.
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May 1—*D.L.* Hainan Maru.

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Miss Anita Letimart.

Beautiful artist's model whose dead body was found in the home of her sister. An autopsy showed poison in her stomach. She once had a romance with a chemist. The police are making inquiries.



Prince Regent.

The first photograph taken of the Japanese Prince Regent since his recovery from his severe illness.



Countess de Caen & Mrs. Haron Needes.

Countess Constance Hillyer de Caen has been in the service of the French Red Cross since 1914. She has been unsparing alike with time and money in this good work. Mrs. Veder has been her hostess.



Harry Moll & Mrs. Viola Staley.

The body of Mrs. Viola Staley, 21 was found on the ground near a burning bungalow. She had been killed by a bullet through the head. Harry Moll, a married man, with whom she had lived a short time in the bungalow, was found in a boathouse nearby, with a bullet wound in his head. Moll declared he shot himself after Mrs. Staley committed suicide, because, he said, he feared he would be charged with killing her. The police assert, however, he killed her and then attempted suicide.



M. Descamps.

M. Descamps, French aeroplane pilot, who has broken the world's gliding record by staying aloft 8 hours and 40 minutes in a motorless machine.



Frank W. Mondell.

Appointed Director of the War Finance Corporation by President Harding. The post pays \$12,000 a year, and Mondell will hold it until May 17, 1926. He was offered his choice—this job, that of Ambassador to Japan, or Governor of Porto Rico.



M. Stancioff & Mlle. Nadejda Stancioff.

Mlle. Nadejda Stancioff, First Secretary of the Bulgarian Legation, has been to the Lausanne conference as interpreter. She recently arrived in London, where her father is Bulgarian Minister. She speaks eight languages fluently, and her services were in constant demand.



Fred Schneider & Mrs. Anna Buzzi.

Fred Schneider, wealthy contractor, was found shot dead, his body lying over the wheel of his motor car on a lonely road. His two chow dogs were in the car. Mrs. Anna Buzzi, with whom he had lived after his separation from his wife, was later arrested as a material witness. People who heard the shots which killed Schneider declared they had seen a woman running away from the motor car. Schneider was the co-respondent when Mrs. Buzzi's husband divorced her, and it is said he was seeking a reconciliation with his real wife when he was killed.

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